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1. (Confidential - JMM) [redacted], DIA, called to say that General Bennett would like some advice on how to respond to a request from Senator John Stennis for some information on the origins and relationships within the community of DIA. See Memo for the Record.

2. (Confidential - JMM) Carl Marcy, Staff Director, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, called in connection with Senator Fulbright's earlier request for access to all National Estimates dealing with Southeast Asia. He said Robert Marshall Blum had been assigned the task of analyzing the Pentagon Papers for the Committee, and had a list of specific questions which he wished to discuss with us and would be calling us shortly. Marcy said this was "no fishing expedition"--that Blum's questions were addressed to specific points emerging from the papers. Marcy said Blum had Top Secret clearance from the Pentagon.

After checking and finding no evidence of Blum's clearance, I called Marcy back and asked for more details. Marcy said that Chairman Fulbright had granted the clearance on the basis of an investigative report by the FBI, and they also had a letter from Rady Johnson, DOD, granting clearance on a "need-to-know" basis. Marcy said Blum was about 25 years old, apparently had no previous Government experience and had recently worked for Walt Rostow in Texas.

3. (Secret - JGO) Met with Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and discussed the handling of the Agency budget in authorizing legislation. See Memoradum for the Record.

4. (Internal Use Only - JGO) Met with Mrs. Lois G. Myers, Employee Benefits Subcommittee staff, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, who confirmed that the meeting of the full Committee for Thursday has been cancelled. H. R. 11150, a bill for the protection of the constitutional rights of Federal employees, is a lead item on the agenda of the full Committee.

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